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Dear Bill:

I am writing to thank you for your saddening but at the same time gratifying note to me of 24 May.

I had heard from friends here that you were about to be shifted from our project to another. We will miss you very much from our activities. It has been a greater help to me than you may realise to have been able to consult with you by telephone at frequent intervals and to have obtained your help on the many problems we have encountered. You have made a great contribution to this project and I hope that the joint efforts of all of us will make a major contribution to national security. I am convinced they have already contributed considerably to the advancement of the art, not least in your own field.

Much as I regret your transfer, I hope we are pretty nearly out of the woods as far as problems in your field are concerned. It would probably be a waste of your very great talents to keep you on this assignment any longer. I hope the one to which you are shifting is challenging and important. I believe I may know what it is and if my surmise is correct it is certainly a task worthy of your skill.

In the meanwhile I hope we will not completely lose connection with you. Please accept again my gratitude for what you have done and my appreciation of a most pleasant relationship.

Best regards.

Yours,

Dick

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